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LOBBY HAS ABSOLUTELY NO SCRUPLES

"Beware of Arizona Mining Stock" Says Wellman.

CORRESPONDENT DECLARES MAGNATES OWN TERRITORY

Characterizes Statehood Opposition as Most Insidious and Dangerous on Record.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Walter Wellman, writing from Washington to the Record-Herald, says:

Lobbies are thick in the corridors of the big, white national statehouse these days. There is the railroad lobby, well and persistently maintained. But the most strenuous and dangerous, as well as the most picturesque lobby of all is the mine owners' lobby from Arizona, here fighting statehood for that territory. It is picturesque because of the bold methods it employs, and because it has at least two United States senators among its owners and backers. It is dangerous because of the possibility that grave scandals may result from its operations. It is a lobby with hundreds of millions of dollars back of it. The agents and manipulators of its schemes are too smart to offer outright bribes. But they have mining stock for sale—stock which is sure to earn a big profit—stock that will "pay big to all who get in on the ground floor. And just now we are letting a little of it out to our friends."

Case of the Caucus.

It was knowledge of the operations of this mine owners' lobby that led the leaders of the house to call the caucus on statehood which was held. Speaker Cannon and his lieutenants wanted to line members up on the question in order to defeat the machinations of the lobby and also to protect members against the insidious influence that might be brought to bear upon them. It is not often that a lobby is able to fill the minds of party leaders with alarm for the safety of their flock. The Arizona operators may take a little pride in this achievement, even if they are not successful in preventing statehood. As energetic and courageous members of the third house, they have established a record, and men who would engage in such an enterprise are naturally of the sort who would take pride in even that much of a success.

Own the Territory.

It seems rather strange that the rich mine owners of Arizona should be here fighting statehood, either single or joint, but the reason for it is not far to seek. They own the territory now. They run it. They are lords of the estate. Naturally they do not want to run any risks by a change to statehood. These mining corporations have had things their own way all along the line, but in no particular so emphatically as in the assessed valuation of their property upon which they are called to pay taxes. For instance, the Tombstone Consolidated Mining company is a corporation in Arizona that has put out \$15,000,000 worth of bonds, of which amount \$6,000,000 already have been sold. They bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent and this interest has been promptly paid. This great property is assessed at \$79,000.

The United Verde.

Then there is the United Verde Copper company, mainly the property of Senator Clark, of Montana. It has been estimated that the copper mines owned by this company have been yielding about \$10,000,000 annually for some years, and that there is \$150,000,000 worth of ore now in sight. This almost inexhaustible mine of wealth is assessed at \$312,923 and the company's buildings and machinery are assessed at \$582,599, the total assessment being about equivalent to one month's income from the property.

Don't Want Statehood.

These powerful corporations do not want statehood. They can operate more independently and profitably under a territorial form of government, and they stand ready to devote a big share of their millions to the work of preventing the passage of a bill giving Arizona either single statehood or joint statehood with New Mexico. There are other members of the United States senate who are interested in these mining companies besides Senator Clark, of Montana. The interests of all of them were acquired legitimately but there is fear that their present activity may lead to public scandal.

The influence of this lobby is being felt. Up to this time, as far as is known, its operations have been within the lines of propriety. There have been rumors about, however, that members of the house and senate may

find an opportunity for gilt-edged investments in mining property if they are so minded. These investments would be on the square; actual cash would be paid for them and they could in no way be classed as bribes. But the opportunity to get into such real "good things" is not enjoyed by everybody. In fact, most of these bonanza mining propositions are in the hands of close corporations, and an outsider is considered wonderfully fortunate to be let in on the ground floor. If the lobby operators do try to lead statements into the mountains with their gilt-edged investments, it is to be hoped for the reputation of the American congress that none will yield to the temptation.

Must Try the Senate.

The caucus settled it that the house will carry out the recommendation of President Roosevelt, who, in discussing the four territories, Oklahoma, Indian Territory, Arizona and New Mexico, in his message, declared most emphatically:

"I recommend that they be immediately admitted as two states. There is no justification for further delay, and the advisability of making the four territories into two states has been clearly established."

The republicans of the house, having by their caucus action, served notice on the mining lobby that their minds are made up and they are committed to joint statehood, the question will be allowed to rest until after the holidays, and the lobby will have to turn its attention to the senate.

195 Descendants.

London, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Lydia Roper has just been buried in the churchyard at Great Finborough, Suffolk. She was 93 years old, and left 195 descendants, comprising eight children, 79 grand children, 103 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Red Cross for Women.

London, Dec. 20.—The King has conferred the Royal Red Cross upon Miss Isabel May Clay, Miss Violet Harriet Clay, and Miss Alice Mabel Purvis, in recognition of the services rendered by them at Dharmasala after the earthquake of April 4th.

Punished for Not Eating.

Berlin, Dec. 20.—A soldier named Mader appeared on Tuesday before a court-martial at Dresden for refusing to eat. The court held that this was tantamount to refusing to obey an order, and sent the man to prison for eight weeks.

GIRL'S SLAYER CONVICTED

FRANCIS TO PAY PENALTY FOR MOST BRUTAL CRIME

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 20.—Austin Francis, charged with the murder a month ago of Winona Newton, 15 years old, his sweetheart, was this afternoon found guilty of murder in the first degree.

The murder of the Newton girl was most brutal. She lived with her father and younger sisters in a one-room house in the outskirts of the city. They were miserably poor. She had been ill and Francis had promised to furnish her money with which to see a physician. They met late in the evening a month ago at a small bridge, near the girl's home. She was not heard of until the following morning when her body was found, badly cut and bruised and weighted down by a 150 pound stone that rested on her head in the creek below the bridge. At the trial it was disclosed that Francis had given the girl carbolic acid, saying that it was the medicine she needed. He forced her to drink the stuff. When it failed to kill her at once and she screamed, he choked her and struck her with a rock. He dragged the body to the bottom of the creek and there, still fearing that she was alive and might cry placed the great stone over her head. Francis who is a switchman 27 years old, was arrested on the day following the murder. He professed his innocence. The arrest and conviction of Francis within a month of the commission of his crime, marks one of the swiftest trials in the history of criminal cases in this city.

Japs to Hawaii.

Honolulu, Dec. 20.—There is much discussion here of the question of the immigration of laborers. Plans for a large Japanese immigration movement are being arranged as the result of the making of contracts by which the Oloa plantation, on the island of Hawaii, is to lease 5,000 acres to prospective settlers from Japan.

M. Aoki, a member of the Japanese parliament, who has been instrumental in bringing the deal about, will arrive here next month to complete the plans. Contracts have been signed which provide that the plantation shall be worked by the Japanese.

It is reported that other plantations will make similar arrangements with Japanese, thus attracting thousands of laborers.

Healthy Bulgarians.

Sofia, Dec. 20.—According to an official return, there are 330 men and women in Bulgaria who are between the ages of 100 and 110. Their longevity is attributed to their good teeth and excellent digestion.

Frances Prosperity.

Paris, Dec. 20.—During the first ten months of the present year imports into France have increased \$31,915,000 over the corresponding period in 1904, when the exports increased \$55,232,400.

Bandit's Bullet Ends Meteoric Career of Scotty of Death Valley

Miner's Mule Gallops Into Camp With Blood-Spattered Saddle.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 20.—It is now confidently believed that Walter Scott, the cowboy miner, who lately attracted such widespread attention through his lavish scattering of money and various spectacular episodes, has been murdered in Death Valley. On December 1, he left his mine in Death Valley, riding a mule and carrying with him \$1,800 and two repeating rifles. According to a letter received by Roi King, Scott's manager in this city, from Scott's brother, William at Bennett's Wells, the miner's mule galloped riderless into camp there on December 7 with the saddle pierced with a bullet and the blanket and saddle covered with blood.

Today King telegraphed \$1,000 reward to Barstow and Bullfrog for the recovery of Scott's body.

King is satisfied that Scott has been murdered for his money somewhere on the desert. Already a thorough search for the miner has been instituted in Death Valley and throughout the Funeral mountains. Scott's brother, accompanied by Shand Merricks, a well known desert scout, went back on the trail of the miner's mule for fifty miles after it came into camp, but a terrific sand storm finally obliterated all tracks, and their water supply having become exhausted, the men were compelled to return to camp. Later they started out again and the search is being continued.

UGLY CHARGE AGAINST PARKER

Special to the Morning Journal.

Washington, Dec. 20.—L. F. Parker, Jr., formerly assistant attorney of the court of private land claims at Santa Fe, who was recently appointed judge of the northern district of the Indian territory, has charges pending against him of an ugly nature, which are now under investigation by the department of justice. The senate has refused to confirm Parker's nomination until it hears from the department.

The charge is that Parker while assistant attorney under Pliny Soper, national republican committeeman for the Indian territory, received \$2,300 for not prosecuting charges against persons charged with the sale of liquor in the territory. The bribe, according to the affidavit of the briber, was afterwards divided by Soper and Parker.

The nominations of governor and secretary of New Mexico are being held up, pending the return to the city of Chairman Beveridge of the territories committee.

LAWYER GETS FULL PENALTY

HUMMELL GOES TO JAIL FOR DIVORCE CONSPIRACY

New York, Dec. 20.—Abraham H. Hummell, the lawyer, today was convicted of conspiracy in connection with the Dodge-Morse divorce case. He was sentenced within a few minutes after the jury's verdict had been pronounced, to one year's imprisonment and a fine of \$500, which is the maximum penalty for the misdemeanor for which he was adjudged guilty. A motion of his lawyers for an arrest of judgment for 24 hours was denied and Hummell was taken to the Tombs prison.

One of the unexpected features of trial's ending was the fact that one of Hummell's own counsel, John B. Stanchfield, made the first proposal for a speedy sentence.

Depending upon the result of this case are actions in other indictments against prominent persons which have grown out of the Dodge-Morse divorce case.

An indictment for subornation of perjury is still pending against Hummell in connection with which he is under bond in the sum of \$2,500. Hummell was released from the Tombs at 10 o'clock tonight under \$10,000 bail on a writ of reasonable doubt secured from Judge Woodward of the supreme court in Brooklyn.

Killed Fleeing From Lava Prison.

Stuebenville, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Hemmed in by ten tons of molten cinder lava, accidentally dumped on shanties in which they were eating at Labell Iron works, four men were forced today to walk over the hot cinders to escape cremation. Joseph O'Herron and Thomas Alban were fatally burned.

HURRICANE IN DEATH CLAIMS FLORIDA WILDER

Washington, Dec. 20.—Reports received at the weather bureau here tonight record the prevalence of an electric storm with a heavy fall of rain and a wind reaching a velocity of fifty miles an hour at Jacksonville, Fla., this afternoon. It was at first reported that a tornado had struck the Florida city, as since 6 o'clock tonight it has been completely cut off from telegraphic communication with Atlanta, Augusta and Savannah, the three nearest largest cities.

The information which reached the weather bureau came in the regular nightly report from the observer at Jacksonville and made no mention of cyclonic disturbances.

Savannah also felt the effects of the storm and at that city the wind reached a high velocity, accompanied by thunderstorms.

Nelson Relics for Sale.

London, Dec. 20.—The "Nelson Cenotaph" will be offered for sale at Christie's on Thursday next. It consists of a lock of Nelson's hair in a glass case, enclosed in a small marble cased box. At the corners are four small figures supporting a pyramid formed of the 14 guineas in Nelson's purse at the time of his death.

SENATE BACKS UP ON CANAL NOMINATIONS

Reconsiders Personnel of Isthmian Commission.

MINORITY SENATORS ALLEGE APPOINTMENTS RAILROADED

Object of Delay Is to Enter Protest Against Shonts' Holding Two Positions.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Confirmations by the senate of the nominations of the members of the Isthmian canal commission were reconsidered today in the executive session, and a motion was adopted calling upon the president for the return of the notification of the senate's previous action. When this has been done the nominations again will be referred to the inter-oceanic canal committee for consideration.

Before the decision was reached to reconsider the vote charges of "railroading" nominations were made by several minority senators, and counter-charges were made by the president in a manner not prescribed by the rules of the senate were made by republican senators. The decision developed the fact that there had been no poll of the canal commission nominations in question and as a result the objection to reconsideration was withdrawn. It is generally understood that the purpose of the minority senators in asking to have the nominations returned is to permit a protest against Chairman Theodore P. Shonts holding a position on the commission and the presidency of the Clover Leaf railroad at the same time. The controversy in the senate resulted from a motion to take up the nomination of J. B. Bishop as a member of the commission, which was only sent to the senate today.

It is true that an attempt will be made to hold up the commission on Mr. Shonts on the ground that he is holding dual positions—the chairmanship of the commission and the presidency of the Clover Leaf railroad—action cannot be had before the holidays. An effort will be made, however, to have a poll of the committee taken tomorrow and the nominations again confirmed.

HOUSE SPENDS THE DAY SHOOTING CLAY PIGEONS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 20.—The house continued to "shoot" clay pigeons today, as one member put it, and the debate on several topics continued for five hours. It is understood that with adjournment today the general debate on the question of railroad legislation by Messrs. Foraker and Culberson. The controversy was precipitated by some remarks made by Mr. Foraker in connection with a request referred by him for the printing of papers connected with a case recently before the interstate commerce commission. The Ohio senator reiterated his position on the question of rate legislation, saying that he differed from other senators only on the point as to the remedies to be applied for the evils of which complaints had been made.

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RELATIVES OF VICTIMS IN SUSPENSE

Mystery Surrounds Murder of Americans in Mexico.

GOVERNMENT RED TAPE BLOCKS ENDS OF JUSTICE

All Wires Into Republic Closed to Frantic Friends of Rutherford and Murray.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 20.—Details of the murder near Diaz, Chihuahua, Mexico, of Robert Rutherford and M. C. Murray, of Philadelphia, and the wounding of L. H. Finstad, of Los Angeles, together with another man whose name has not yet been learned, are slow to reach here. Even the aunt of Rutherford, Mrs. James G. Lowdon, of Abilene, who came here to meet the bodies tonight, has no details and is unable to obtain any. Such, however, are conditions in Mexico. The wires are under federal control, the operators cannot or will not give information and the American correspondents are not to be reached. Private information received thus far, however, says the little band of four Americans were returning home from Diaz to Rutherford's ranch house, when they were beset by bandits and commanded to give up their valuables. The Americans attempted to escape, but seeing flight useless, gave battle. The bandits, outnumbering them several times, closed in and mercilessly shot them down, taking the valuables and escaping. Mexican officers are on the trail, but the bandits have evidently escaped in the rough surrounding country, probably being vaqueros on neighboring ranches. A telegram this morning from Diaz said the bodies of Rutherford and Murray would reach here tonight, and Mrs. Lowdon and friends were at the train with an undertaker to remove them to El Paso. No bodies arrived, however, and it is believed they were removed at Chihuahua for embalming at the instance of the officials, as the laws of Mexico prohibit the removal of dead bodies within two years after death except on special permit of the governor. This, it is believed, will be secured, however, and the bodies are expected tomorrow.

Frank Bell, a friend of the dead men, will leave tomorrow to help get the bodies out of Mexico, as he fears Rudolph Gluckert, the partner of the two dead men, is unable to attend to the removal of the bodies and look after the prostrated wife and sister of Rutherford. Mrs. Rutherford also being accompanied by a small boy.

All wires into Mexico are closed tonight. Efforts have been constantly made during the last thirty-six hours to get details of the crime, but it is impossible thus far.

TERMINALS GO UP IN SMOKE

New York, Dec. 20.—The Delaware, Lackawanna & Western railroad, which a few months ago suffered the loss of its Hoboken terminal building by fire, sustained a still heavier loss today when the new ferry terminals of steel frame and supposedly fireproof construction, at the foot of West Twenty-third street, Manhattan, were burned to the ground. The workmen were putting the finishing touches on the building when the fire started shortly before the noon hour. The flames quickly communicated to the new ferry house of the Central railroad of New Jersey, which with the Lackawanna terminals were considered the finest ferry buildings in the east, and this structure also was almost totally destroyed. For a time the fire threatened the Pennsylvania and Erie ferry houses, but these were saved through the hard work of the firemen who attacked the blaze with engines ashore and with fireboats from the water front. The loss is estimated at half a million dollars. A careful search failed to show that any lives were lost.

END OF GALLUP ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT COLLAPSES

Special to the Morning Journal. Gallup, N. M., Dec. 20.—The rear end of the Gallup Electric Light plant building fell out this afternoon crippling the plant temporarily and seriously damaging the building. The wall had been undermined by a flow of water from the city well. No one was injured. The wall fortunately for the machinery fell out, and the damage can be repaired in a few days.

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